

JOHN AND ELIZABETH
MARSHALL BAIRD



John Baird was born May 17, 1826 at
Belentory, Antrum, Ireland, a son of Robert

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and Agnes McGown Baird. The "e" was dropped before they came to America in later years. The Baird's had a large land grant in Ireland, and later moved to Greenock, Scotland, where John became a sergeant on the police force. He married Elizabeth Marshall in 1844. She was born April 14, 1862 in Parkhead, Lanarkshire, Scotland, a daughter of William and Ann Wiley Marshall.

Converted to the LDS Church by missionaries, the Baird's left Liverpool on April 29, 1865 on the ship "Bellwood," a freighter that had been pressed into passenger service. They arrived in Castle Gardens, N. Y., in June of 1865 and moved to Williamsburg, N. Y., to prepare for the journey west. Fourteen months later they traveled in cattle cars to St. Joseph, Mo., went by river boat to Council Bluffs and then purchased a wagon, three yoke of oxen and provisions for the journey. They traveled in the Capt. Chipman company, arriving in Salt Lake City in October of 1866. They moved to Heber in November, 1866, and their last child, Martha Jane, was born in Heber on Feb. 14, 1867.

During the trip across the plains, the two oldest boys, Robert and William, obtained work driving teams and wagons, and so were separated from the rest of the family. During their journey they discovered a buffalo skull on the plains bearing news of the massacre of their family. However, when they arrived later at the Tithing Yard in Salt Lake they were overjoyed to meet their loved ones whom they presumed dead.

The family homesteaded the Baird Ranch in Lake Creek, and then later moved to Hooper, but returned to Lake Creek and Center where John served as a counselor in the bishopric to Bishop Benjamin Cluff. Elizabeth made excellent bread and always furnished bread to the ward to be used in the sacrament service. She was also adept at making clothing, soap, candles, carpets and mattresses, all by hand.

John was active in building roads, bridges reservoirs and irrigation systems in addition to his farming and ranching activities. He moved to Heber in his later years and died there at the age of 80 in 1907. Elizabeth fell on ice in 1905 and broke her hip and died of the mishap on June 14, 1905.

Their children included Robert M., born Nov. 23, 1845; William, born Nov. 3, 1849; Anne C., born Dec. 8, 1851; Elizabeth, born

March 14, 1855; John, born Oct. 2, 1857 and died as an infant; James R., born July 17, 1860; Joseph, born March 7, 1863 and died as an infant; and Martha Jane, born Feb. 14, 1867.

BISHOPS OF THE CHARLESTON WARD



Nymphas C. Murdock



William Daybell



John M. Ritchie



Wayne Whiting



H. Fred Price



Eldon D. Wright

By 1877 the leaders of the Wasatch Stake had determined that Charleston and other communities should be organized into wards, and so a special conference was called in Heber City at which Apostles John Taylor and Franklin D. Richards from Salt Lake presided. President Abram Hatch of Wasatch Stake, with his counselors Thomas H. Giles and Henry S. Alexander, assisted in organizing six wards in the stake. Nymphus C. Murdock was called to be the first bishop of the Charleston Ward. Chosen as his counselors were Enoch Richins and Edward Buys. He served for 24 years, during which time he was loved and respected by all ward members. Many were benefitted by his willingness to loan money, particularly to help bring members of the Church from foreign lands to settle in Zion. He often told his people at the pulpit "All I have belongs to the Lord. I am willing at any time to give my all." He discouraged extravagance, and continually preached "Not what we want, but what is needful."

Bishop Murdock served until 1901. Those who were his counselors included Enoch Richins, Edward Buys, George Smith, Joseph R. Murdock and John M. Ritchie. Clerks were Joseph Royal Murdock, John M. Ritchie and John Fowers.

William Daybell was called as second bishop of the ward on Feb. 17, 1901, and chose as his counselors John M. Ritchie and George Price.

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 Henry James Phillips

JOHN BAIRD AND
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John Baird Fowers was born February 7, 1876 in Hooper, Weber County, and when four years of age moved with his family to Charleston where he attended school. He married Elizabeth Bertha Sulser, February 27, 1901 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was born in Midway on November 17, 1882. They were the parents of seven children: Ila Mae, born Aug. 2, 1902; Mary Elizabeth, born Feb. 1, 1904; Ruth, born May 31, 1907; Sarah, born Feb. 4, 1909; John Alfred, born June 2, 1911; Jessie, born May 8, 1913; Joseph Frank, born April 26, 1925.

In 1917 the family moved to Provo and then to Orem in 1919. Through the years they were active in Church and missionary work. John served in the British Mission from 1922 to 1924 and in California as a missionary from 1925 to 1926.

Bertha was also active in Church work, and supervised the family farm while John was on his two missions. She died on Nov. 9, 1946, and on Feb. 11, 1947 John married Nellie Park Cordner. 1021

JAMES AND MARY JANE
GREEN NASH

James Nash was born Sept. 22, 1838 in Hanbury, Worcestershire, England, a son of John and Mary Ann Barns Nash. After joining the LDS Church he had a desire to come to Utah, and by 1863 had saved enough. He came to America, and a year later his mother joined him and they crossed the plains together. James homesteaded property in Lake Creek and he met and married Mary Jane (Molly) Green, who was born Sept. 3, 1848 in Lawrence County, New York. They were married January 4, 1865 and became the parents of 14 children.

After living in Lake Creek and Center, James sold his ranch to Fredrick Phillips and moved to Vernal with his wife. She died on Sept. 29, 1917 and he passed away on January 19, 1926.

Their children included James Thomas, born Jan. 29, 1866; Lucy Elizabeth, born June 29, 1867; John William, born Jan. 1, 1870; Mary Ann, born Sept. 19, 1871; George David, born Jan. 3, 1873; Henry Albert, born Sept. 7, 1874; Joseph Fredrick, born March 10, 1877; Melissa Ann, born June 7, 1879; Charles Edward, born Feb. 1, 1881; Alfred Moroni, born Feb. 24, 1883; Nellie Jan, born August 18, 1885; Sarah Catherine, born Sept. 3, 1887; Robert Alma, born Dec. 20, 1889 and Franklin Nephi, born Jan. 22, 1892.